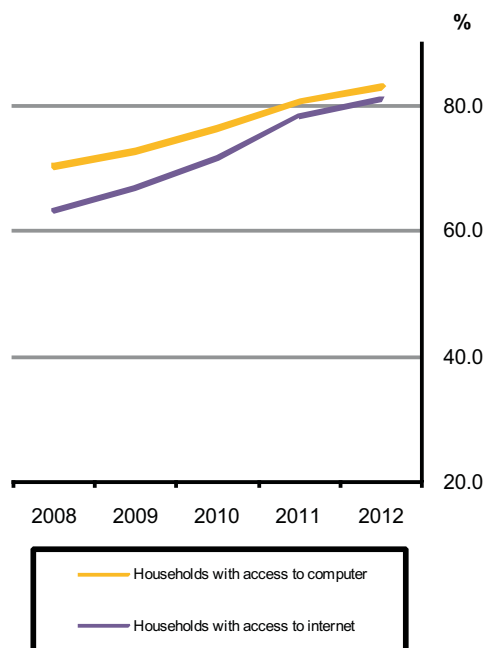




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## Information Society Statistics - Households 2012

The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) household survey covers a range of topics related to the use of ICT by households and individuals. The ICT questionnaire focuses on the use of ICT for non-work related activities. This report presents findings from the ICT household survey in 2012 with corresponding data for earlier years.

### Summary of main findings

- It is estimated that 83% of households in 2012 have access to a computer at home. *See table 1a.*
- 81% of households have access to the internet at home. *See table 1b.*
- 77% of individuals used the internet in the last 3 months. 58% of individuals used the internet daily. *See tables 2a and 2b.*
- The most popular activities of individuals who accessed the internet in the last three months were *E-mail* (66%), *Finding information about goods or services* (63%), *Using services related to travel or travel related accommodation* (46%) and *Social networking* (45%). *See table 3.*
- *Other travel arrangements* (30%), *Holiday accommodation* (28%) and *Tickets for events* (27%) were the most popular types of internet purchases in the last 12 months (from Q1 2012). *See table 4.*

The results are based on a household survey of ICT usage, conducted in the first quarter of 2012 as part of the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS). Additional results from the survey are available via *Statbank*, CSO's electronic dissemination service (<http://www.cso.ie/en/databases/>). ICT usage tables are available under the heading "Information Society". *See Background Notes.*

Information Society Statistics on enterprises can be seen at:  
<http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/140>.

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**Table A Household access to computer/internet**

	% of households				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Households with access to a computer	70	73	76	81	83
Households with access to the internet	63	67	72	78	81

There has been an increase of 18 percentage points in the household level of access to the internet between 2008 and 2012, with an increase of 13 percentage points in the level of access households have to a computer (*see table A and table 1b*).

In 2012, 92% of individuals aged 16-29 used the internet "in the last three months". In contrast just 40% of individuals aged 60-74 used the internet during the same period (*see table 2a*).

Students (at 94%) were most likely to have used the internet "in the last three months" (*see table 2a*).

**Table B Internet purchases**

	% of individuals	
	2011	2012
<b>Types of purchases</b>		
Food and groceries	4	4
Household goods	8	10
Clothes/sports goods	17	20
Electronic equipment	13	12
Share purchases/financial services	5	7
Films/music	14	14
Books/magazines/newspapers/e-learning material	14	16
Other computer software and upgrades	6	8
Computer hardware	8	4
Telecommunication services	4	8
Holiday accommodation	28	28
Other travel arrangements	30	30
Tickets for events	27	27

**Note:** The ICT questionnaire allowed respondents to select multiple responses when necessary to answer the question fully

# TABLES

Note: Tables 3 and 4 allowed respondents to select multiple responses/reasons when necessary to answer the question fully. This means that percentages may not add to 100.

**Table 1a: Households with a computer by the characteristics of the household, 2008 to 2012**

% of households

	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012	
	<i>Unweighted</i>		<i>Unweighted</i>		<i>Unweighted</i>		<i>Unweighted</i>		<i>Unweighted</i>	
Desktop/portable computer permanently in the home	%	<i>actual sample</i>	%	<i>actual sample</i>	%	<i>actual sample</i>	%	<i>actual sample</i>	%	<i>actual sample</i>
<b>State</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>9,003</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>8,287</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>7,826</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>6,365</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>10,018</b>
<b>Household Composition</b>										
1 adult, no dependent children	39	1,469	42	1,456	48	1,478	56	1,169	58	1,714
2 adults no dependent children	62	2,468	66	2,246	71	2,139	74	1,727	76	2,771
3 or more adults no dependent children	83	1,646	86	1,481	90	1,214	91	1,033	92	1,576
1 adult with dependent children	62	335	61	339	68	404	79	336	79	500
2 adults with dependent children	86	2,169	88	1,977	92	1,945	94	1,592	96	2,551
3 or more adults with dependent children	86	916	91	788	94	646	96	508	97	906
<b>Number of persons at work in the household</b>										
0	39	1,937	43	2,058	51	2,211	60	1,906	61	2,960
1	69	2,930	73	2,797	80	2,705	84	2,220	87	3,506
2	85	3,207	89	2,734	92	2,427	94	1,871	96	2,984
3+	87	929	94	698	97	483	98	368	98	568
<b>Internet Type</b>										
Broadband	100	3,656	100	4,423	100	4,757	100	4,116	100	6,686
Narrowband	99	1,783	99	980	99	658	98	715	96	1,137
No internet	21	3,429	19	2,776	18	2,256	14	1,421	14	1,967
Unknown internet	97	135	98	108	97	155	99	113	97	228
<b>Population</b>										
Densely populated	76	2,687	78	2,856	81	2,352	85	2,174	85	3,056
Intermediate populated	68	2,213	70	1,787	77	1,836	81	1,534	83	2,596
Thinly populated	67	4,103	71	3,644	73	3,638	77	2,657	80	4,366
<b>Region</b>										
Border	61	1,037	62	952	65	874	70	602	78	1,205
Midlands	66	603	70	422	72	448	81	321	77	593
West	65	786	71	637	76	890	81	670	84	896
Dublin	77	1,781	79	2,126	82	1,642	86	1,486	86	2,132
Mid-East	78	831	77	822	85	843	89	545	90	776
Mid-West	67	966	71	841	77	874	80	759	80	1,085
South-East	67	1,285	71	955	72	1,087	74	902	81	1,424
South-West	69	1,714	71	1,532	75	1,168	78	1,080	80	1,907

Note 1: Data are subject to sampling and other survey errors, which are relatively greater in respect of smaller values.

Note 2: Households represent all private households with at least one occupant aged 16-74.

**Table 1b: Households with connection to the internet by the characteristics of the household, 2008 to 2012**

										% of households	
		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012	
Desktop/portable computer permanently in the home		%	actual sample	%	actual sample	%	actual sample	%	actual sample	%	actual sample
State		63	9003	67	8287	72	7826	78	6365	81	10018
Household Composition											
1 adult, no dependent children		32	1469	35	1456	42	1478	51	1169	55	1714
2 adults no dependent children		54	2468	59	2246	66	2139	72	1727	74	2771
3 or more adults no dependent children		75	1646	80	1481	85	1214	88	1033	90	1576
1 adult with dependent children		51	335	52	339	61	404	76	336	78	500
2 adults with dependent children		79	2169	82	1977	87	1945	93	1592	95	2551
3 or more adults with dependent children		79	916	86	788	90	646	95	508	96	906
Number of persons at work in the household											
0		31	1937	36	2058	44	2211	56	1906	58	2960
1		61	2930	67	2797	75	2705	82	2220	85	3506
2		78	3207	84	2734	89	2427	93	1871	96	2984
3+		81	929	88	698	93	483	97	368	98	568
Internet Type											
Broadband		100	3656	100	4423	100	4757	100	4116	100	6686
Narrowband		100	1783	100	980	100	658	100	715	100	1137
No internet		.	3429	.	2776	.	2256	.	1421	.	1967
Unknown internet		100	135	100	108	100	155	100	113	100	228
Population											
Densely populated		70	2687	74	2856	77	2352	83	2174	85	3056
Intermediate populated		60	2213	63	1787	73	1836	79	1534	81	2596
Thinly populated		59	4103	63	3644	67	3638	74	2657	78	4366
Region											
Border		53	1037	56	952	60	874	66	602	75	1205
Midlands		54	603	63	422	66	448	79	321	74	593
West		55	786	63	637	70	890	79	670	82	896
Dublin		71	1781	75	2126	78	1642	84	1486	86	2132
Mid-East		72	831	71	822	81	843	87	545	87	776
Mid-West		60	966	62	841	73	874	77	759	79	1085
South-East		59	1285	64	955	65	1087	71	902	79	1424
South-West		62	1714	65	1532	70	1168	76	1080	78	1907

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Note 2: Households represent all private households with at least one occupant aged 16-74.

Table 2a Individuals' use of the internet by frequency of use, household and individual characteristics 2008 to 2012

% of individuals

	Used within last 3 months					Used but not in the last 3 months					Never used the internet				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>State</b>	63	65	67	75	77	6	5	5	4	5	32	30	27	21	18
<b>Sex</b>															
Male	61	64	66	73	77	6	4	5	3	5	34	32	29	23	18
Female	64	66	69	76	77	6	5	5	4	5	30	29	26	19	18
<b>Age Group</b>															
16-29	80	85	87	93	92	6	5	4	4	4	14	10	9	3	3
30-44	72	74	79	87	89	6	5	6	3	4	22	21	15	10	7
45-59	50	53	56	65	70	6	5	6	4	6	44	42	39	31	24
60-74	24	25	27	38	40	4	3	5	5	7	72	72	67	58	53
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>															
At work	72	75	77	84	88	5	4	5	3	3	23	21	19	14	9
Unemployed	46	60	63	74	73	8	8	8	5	8	46	32	30	21	19
Student	91	95	97	97	94	2	3	1	1	3	7	2	2	1	4
Home duties	44	41	47	57	63	7	7	7	6	8	49	52	46	37	30
Retired	32	30	35	43	50	5	4	7	6	7	63	65	58	51	43
Other	33	33	33	51	50	7	6	9	7	8	60	62	59	43	42
<b>Region</b>															
Border	53	48	56	64	72	8	8	9	7	6	39	44	36	28	22
Midland	58	61	60	74	69	6	2	4	2	5	36	37	35	25	27
West	53	59	69	74	75	8	6	4	3	5	39	35	27	23	20
Dublin	74	76	75	81	82	3	4	5	4	6	23	20	20	15	13
Mid-East	67	70	73	81	84	4	4	3	2	3	30	27	24	17	13
Mid-West	59	63	65	72	74	8	7	8	3	6	34	30	27	25	20
South-East	54	58	61	69	73	7	5	7	4	5	39	37	32	28	22
South-West	61	63	66	73	75	6	4	4	4	6	33	33	30	23	20
<b>Type of Internet connection</b>															
broadband	87	87	86	89	90	3	2	3	2	3	10	11	11	9	8
narrowband	74	74	78	85	85	6	5	5	4	5	20	21	16	12	11
No internet	24	22	20	20	18	9	9	11	11	16	67	69	69	69	67
Unknown internet	46	26	39	39	51	4	6	4	2	6	49	68	57	58	44
<b>Household composition</b>															
1 adult, no dependent children	47	50	51	59	62	5	4	8	5	6	48	46	41	36	32
2 adults no dependent children	56	60	62	68	70	5	4	5	4	5	38	36	34	28	25
3 or more adults no dependent children	68	67	71	77	78	5	4	3	2	4	27	28	26	21	18
1 adult with dependent children	62	66	69	81	81	7	6	9	11	12	31	28	22	8	7
2 adults with dependent children	72	75	79	87	89	6	6	5	3	4	22	19	16	10	7
3 or more adults with dependent children	65	71	75	80	83	6	5	5	3	5	28	25	21	17	13
<b>Number of persons at work in the household</b>															
0	35	39	46	57	56	5	6	7	6	8	60	54	47	36	36
1	60	64	70	75	79	7	5	6	4	5	34	31	25	21	16
2	73	78	80	87	89	5	4	4	2	3	21	19	16	10	8
3+	74	77	79	87	88	5	4	3	2	3	22	18	18	11	9

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Note 2: Individuals represent all individuals aged 16-74.

Table 2b How often used the internet in the last 3 months, 2010, 2011 and 2012

% of individuals

	Every day			At least once a week (but not every day)			At least once a month (but not every week)			Less than once a month			Didn't use in last 3 months		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
<b>State</b>	47	55	58	16	16	15	3	3	3	1	1	1	33	25	23
<b>Sex</b>															
Male	48	55	59	14	15	14	2	2	2	1	1	1	34	27	23
Female	46	55	57	19	18	17	4	3	3	1	1	1	31	24	23
<b>Age Group</b>															
16-29	68	77	78	15	14	12	3	1	2	1	1	0	13	7	8
30-44	56	64	70	19	19	16	3	3	2	1	1	1	21	13	11
45-59	32	43	48	19	17	19	4	4	3	1	1	1	44	35	30
60-74	14	21	21	10	13	15	2	2	3	1	1	1	73	62	60
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>															
At work	56	65	70	17	16	15	3	3	2	1	1	1	23	16	13
Unemployed	42	49	51	17	20	18	2	4	3	2	1	1	37	26	27
Student	84	92	86	11	5	8	3	0	0	0	.	.	3	3	7
Home duties	23	30	40	19	22	18	5	4	3	1	1	1	53	43	37
Retired	18	25	29	12	16	17	3	2	4	1	0	1	65	57	50
Other	14	30	32	13	16	13	4	3	4	1	1	1	67	49	50
<b>Region</b>															
Border	33	40	50	16	21	19	5	3	3	2	1	1	44	36	28
Midland	38	54	53	17	14	11	4	3	4	1	1	0	40	26	32
West	48	54	56	17	15	16	4	3	2	1	1	1	31	26	26
Dublin	57	66	67	15	13	12	2	3	2	0	0	1	25	19	18
Mid-East	52	57	63	18	21	18	2	2	2	0	0	1	27	19	16
Mid-West	46	54	56	14	14	15	3	4	3	2	1	1	35	28	26
South-East	36	46	51	20	18	18	4	4	4	1	1	1	39	31	27
South-West	46	54	55	17	17	16	2	2	3	1	0	1	34	27	25
<b>Type of Internet connection</b>															
Broadband	64	68	70	19	18	17	3	3	2	1	1	1	14	11	10
Narrowband	44	62	62	26	19	18	7	3	4	1	1	1	22	15	15
No internet	8	7	7	8	8	7	2	3	3	1	1	1	80	80	83
Unknown internet	18	18	28	19	16	17	1	3	5	1	2	.	61	61	50
<b>Household composition</b>															
1 adult, no dependent children	32	42	44	15	14	16	2	2	2	1	1	1	49	41	38
2 adults no dependent children	45	51	53	14	13	14	2	3	3	1	1	1	38	32	30
3 or more adults no dependent children	54	60	62	12	14	13	3	3	3	1	1	1	29	23	22
1 adult with dependent children	39	54	57	25	21	19	4	5	3	1	1	1	31	19	20
2 adults with dependent children	55	62	68	20	21	18	4	3	3	1	1	1	21	13	11
3 or more adults with dependent children	48	60	63	21	17	17	5	3	2	1	0	1	25	20	18
<b>Number of persons at work in the household</b>															
0	27	38	37	15	16	16	4	3	3	1	1	1	54	43	44
1	48	53	59	18	18	17	3	3	3	1	1	1	30	25	21
2	59	68	72	17	16	15	3	3	2	1	1	1	20	13	11
3+	62	73	74	14	12	12	3	2	3	1	0	0	21	13	12

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Note 2: Individuals represent all individuals aged 16-74.

**Table 3 Activities on the internet in the last 3 months, 2012**

% of individuals

	Sending and receiving e-mails	Internet phone/ Video conferencing	Social networking	Reading or downloading newspapers/ news	Finding information about goods and services	Web radio or television
<b>State</b>	66	29	46	33	63	32
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	65	30	42	36	63	34
Female	67	28	49	30	63	29
<b>Age group</b>						
16-29	79	40	80	37	74	46
30-44	78	36	56	43	75	39
45-59	59	22	25	27	58	23
60-74	33	12	8	15	31	9
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>						
At work	77	35	52	40	74	39
Unemployed	59	26	46	30	55	27
Student	87	43	81	47	80	56
Home duties	49	18	37	19	47	20
Retired	43	16	13	22	40	12
Other	37	16	29	18	39	17
<b>Region</b>						
Border	60	23	47	23	56	24
Midland	50	21	41	19	53	21
West	63	30	41	31	61	32
Dublin	74	38	51	47	69	42
Mid-East	75	29	49	35	68	33
Mid-West	64	29	43	29	64	31
South-East	63	21	41	24	60	24
South-West	62	27	42	29	60	29
<b>Type of Internet connection</b>						
Broadband	79	36	54	40	75	39
Narrowband	70	26	52	31	65	28
No internet	11	2	8	4	10	4
Unknown internet	33	14	26	14	29	10
<b>Household composition</b>						
1 adult, no dependent children	54	21	31	27	50	22
2 adults no dependent children	62	29	36	33	60	29
3 or more adults no dependent children	68	32	51	34	63	36
1 adult with dependent children	63	24	62	23	59	26
2 adults with dependent children	76	34	55	38	73	35
3 or more adults with dependent children	68	30	52	30	66	37
<b>Number of persons at work in the household</b>						
0	45	16	33	20	43	16
1	67	30	46	33	64	33
2	80	37	54	42	76	40
3+	78	42	58	41	72	44

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Note 2: Individuals represent all individuals aged 16-74.



Table 3 (contd.) Activities on the internet in the last 3 months, 2012

% of individuals

Playing/ downloading games images or music	Uploading self created content	Services related to travel or travel related accommodation	Selling of goods or services	Internet Banking	Playing networked games with other persons	Other	
17	29	47	13	43	7	9	State
21	29	46	14	42	10	12	Sex
14	29	48	11	43	4	7	Male
							Female
35	51	49	16	42	18	13	Age group
20	35	58	17	59	6	13	16-29
7	15	44	10	39	2	5	30-44
3	5	24	4	18	0	3	45-59
							60-74
20	34	58	16	55	7	11	Principal Economic Status
17	28	31	9	31	8	7	At work
38	56	59	18	44	22	26	Unemployed
12	21	31	8	27	5	5	Student
5	9	32	6	24	1	4	Home duties
11	15	22	5	19	3	6	Retired
							Other
16	25	33	9	32	8	9	Region
15	24	37	13	33	4	4	Border
16	22	42	9	40	7	7	Midland
22	34	56	13	49	8	15	West
13	26	56	12	50	6	10	Dublin
17	29	46	16	43	8	8	Mid-East
17	31	39	11	39	6	7	Mid-West
16	29	47	18	41	7	6	South-East
							South-West
21	35	57	15	53	8	12	Type of Internet connection
18	31	46	16	39	6	8	Broadband
3	4	7	1	4	2	1	Narrowband
5	11	19	3	17	3	3	No internet
							Unknown internet
11	18	37	9	33	3	8	Household composition
14	25	49	11	43	6	10	1 adult, no dependent children
25	35	47	12	38	12	10	2 adults no dependent children
18	33	35	10	38	7	5	3 or more adults no dependent children
18	33	54	17	56	5	11	1 adult with dependent children
20	30	43	11	35	9	7	2 adults with dependent children
							3 or more adults with dependent children
12	19	25	7	21	5	6	Number of persons at work in the household
17	29	46	12	43	7	10	0
20	35	63	17	58	7	11	1
27	40	61	15	54	14	13	2
							3+

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Note 2: Individuals represent all individuals aged 16-74.

**Table 4 Type of purchases made online during the last 12 months, 2012**

% of individuals

	Food and Groceries	Household goods	Clothes or sports goods	Electronic equipment	Share purchases/ financial services /insurance	Films/ music	Books/ magazines/ newspapers/ e learning material
<b>State</b>	4	10	20	12	7	14	16
<b>Sex</b>							
Male	4	9	16	17	8	15	15
Female	5	11	24	8	6	12	17
<b>Age group</b>							
16-29	4	9	29	15	5	15	14
30-44	8	16	28	17	11	20	22
45-59	3	7	14	10	6	10	16
60-74	1	3	2	4	2	3	7
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>							
At work	6	12	27	16	10	19	21
Unemployed	2	8	13	11	3	8	10
Student	5	6	28	18	6	16	21
Home duties	3	9	14	5	3	7	10
Retired	2	4	5	6	4	5	9
Other	1	4	8	5	1	5	6
<b>Region</b>							
Border	2	5	14	7	2	6	8
Midland	2	9	17	8	4	9	14
West	3	10	21	12	8	13	15
Dublin	6	12	21	15	11	19	23
Mid-East	7	13	25	15	9	17	17
Mid-West	4	9	20	12	6	12	14
South-East	5	8	20	10	6	11	13
South-West	3	10	22	12	4	12	15
<b>Type of Internet connection</b>							
Broadband	6	13	25	16	9	18	21
Narrowband	4	8	17	9	4	9	10
No internet	0	1	3	1	0	1	1
Unknown internet	1	3	12	.	1	3	2
<b>Household composition</b>							
1 adult, no dependent children	2	5	13	10	6	10	11
2 adults no dependent children	4	7	17	13	8	14	18
3 or more adults no dependent children	3	5	20	13	4	13	15
1 adult with dependent children	3	17	26	6	4	8	9
2 adults with dependent children	9	19	27	15	9	18	21
3 or more adults with dependent children	4	8	21	11	7	11	12
<b>Number of persons at work in the household</b>							
0	1	5	9	5	2	5	7
1	4	11	20	13	7	13	16
2	7	13	28	17	11	21	23
3+	4	8	30	15	8	17	20

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Note 2: Individuals represent all individuals aged 16-74.

Table 4 (contd.) Type of purchases made online during the last 12 months ,2012

% of individuals

Other computer software and upgrades	Computer hardware	Telecommunication services	Holiday accommodation	Other travel arrangements	Tickets for events	Other	
							<b>State</b>
8	4	8	28	30	27	11	
							<b>Sex</b>
11	6	9	27	31	27	14	Male
5	2	7	28	29	28	9	Female
							<b>Age group</b>
8	4	9	25	29	30	15	16-29
12	5	11	38	41	37	16	30-44
7	3	7	27	28	24	8	45-59
2	1	3	12	13	9	2	60-74
							<b>Principal Economic Status</b>
11	5	11	39	40	38	15	At work
6	3	6	13	19	15	8	Unemployed
11	9	12	25	32	29	18	Student
4	2	4	15	16	15	6	Home duties
4	2	4	17	18	14	3	Retired
2	1	3	6	9	6	4	Other
							<b>Region</b>
5	1	5	14	16	16	5	Border
5	1	4	25	25	23	7	Midland
6	3	6	23	26	21	9	West
11	6	13	36	39	36	15	Dublin
12	4	9	35	36	35	14	Mid-East
5	4	8	27	30	23	11	Mid-West
6	3	7	20	22	21	10	South-East
7	3	5	28	29	27	12	South-West
							<b>Type of Internet connection</b>
10	5	11	35	37	35	15	Broadband
5	2	5	25	25	21	8	Narrowband
0	0	0	3	3	2	0	No internet
0	0	1	8	10	7	2	Unknown internet
							<b>Household composition</b>
7	3	7	19	22	20	6	1 adult, no dependent children
8	3	8	32	34	29	11	2 adults no dependent children
8	4	8	25	27	26	12	3 or more adults no dependent children
5	1	5	21	20	20	9	1 adult with dependent children
10	5	11	35	37	33	15	2 adults with dependent children
7	4	6	23	26	25	12	3 or more adults with dependent children
							<b>Number of persons at work in the household</b>
3	2	4	10	12	9	4	0
8	4	9	26	29	26	11	1
12	5	11	43	44	42	17	2
10	4	12	39	37	37	16	3+

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## CSO databank tables

**CSO Statbank:** Updated tables with further 2012 Information Society Statistics (ICT) are available on the CSO Statbank. To access the CSO website go to:

<http://www.cso.ie>

- Database
- Statbank (CSO Main Dissemination Service)
- Information Society
- ICT usage by households/ICT usage by individuals

**Direct links to Information society statistics (ICT) databank tables and a description of the table topic can be found below:**

<b>ICT statistics on individuals</b>	<a href="http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/131">http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/131</a>
When persons last used a computer or used the internet by individual characteristics, statistic, frequency of use and year.	ICA04, ICA05, ICA06, ICA07, ICA08, ICA09, ICA10
How often persons used a computer or used the internet in the last three months by individual characteristics, frequency of use and year.	ICA18, ICA19, ICA20, ICA21, ICA22, ICA23, ICA24
Retail internet activity of persons aged 18 years and over by individual characteristics, statistic and year.	ICA30, ICA31, ICA32, ICA33, ICA34, ICA35, ICA36
Types of purchases made by individuals over the internet by individual characteristics, statistic and year.	ICA50, ICA51, ICA52, ICA53, ICA54, ICA55, ICA56 ICA57
<b>ICT statistics on households</b>	<a href="http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/130">http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/130</a>
Households with computer connected to the internet by household characteristics, statistic and year.	ICA25, ICA26, ICA27
Why households do not have an internet connection by household characteristics, statistic and year.	ICA41, ICA42, ICA44, ICA45

## Background Notes

<b>Reference period</b>	A module on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for households is included in the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) in the three months from January to March each year (Quarter 1). Questions are asked about ICT activities for the reference period of twelve months or three months prior to the date of interview.
<b>Purpose of survey</b>	The annual ICT household survey included in the QNHS fulfils the EU requirement under Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 concerning Community statistics on the information society (OJ L143, 30.04.2004, p. 49). The QNHS began in September 1997, replacing the annual April Labour Force Survey (LFS). The purpose of the QNHS is the production of quarterly labour force estimates and occasional reports on special social topics.
<b>Grossing effect</b>	The QNHS grossing procedure aligns the distribution of persons covered in the survey with independently determined population estimates at the level of sex, five-year age group and region.
<b>Statistical significance</b>	All estimates based on sample surveys are subject to error, some of which is measurable. Where an estimate is statistically significantly different from another estimate it means that we can be 95% confident that differences between those two estimates are not due to sampling error. Unless otherwise stated, changes and differences mentioned in the text have been found to be statistically significant at the 95% confidence level.
<b>Survey questionnaire</b>	<p>The 2012 ICT household questionnaire is available at: <a href="http://www.cso.ie/en/qnhs/qnhsmethodology/ictsurveyquestionnaire-q12012/">http://www.cso.ie/en/qnhs/qnhsmethodology/ictsurveyquestionnaire-q12012/</a></p> <p>Detailed Methodology and Background notes available at: <a href="http://www.cso.ie/en/surveysandmethodology/informationssociety/e-commercehouseholdsurvey/backgroundnotes/">http://www.cso.ie/en/surveysandmethodology/informationssociety/e-commercehouseholdsurvey/backgroundnotes/</a></p>